

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 17, 2005. Claims 9 and 10 remain pending in the application, and both have been indicated as allowed. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

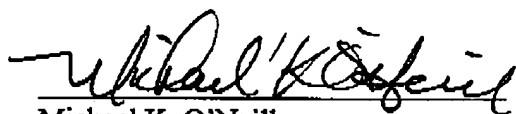
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 9 and 10 are allowed.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly failing to show every feature of Claim 1. The objection is respectfully traversed, since it is believed that the drawings show all features of Claim 1. Nevertheless, in view of the cancellation of Claim 1, the objection is moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and Claims 4 to 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1 to 8 have been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance. In particular, a divisional application is currently contemplated, to pursue the rejected subject matter. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

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